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*The theme of this book is **work.***

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I need to treat my patients without grumbling about it today.

I wonder what I will be doing at work today, since our supervisor is gone for the day and we're between phases of our project...

What will happen in the meeting with the manager today?

I must reorganize my store room today and remember to discard things that i have not used in the past 6 months.

I really miss my husband  
even though he just left to  
go to work.

I don't want to go  
to work today.

I need to get my work done today and I hope that I have an easy day. (Credit: Elicia)

I need to remember that I have to adapt my lesson plans for my 6th graders.

Doing all these tasks for cents, I came up with new disciplinary actions for my children. I will ask them for one cent each time I have to remind them to do something. As you can see from this site, cents do add up! I will save for our Disney vacation! Happy turking!

With the economy the way it is, I wish we got paid more for this.

I should be doing the job  
I'm getting paid to do.

I feel overwhelmed by  
everything I need to get done  
- maybe I should make a list  
and check items off one by  
one so I can see my progress.

I thought about dropping all my mediocre chores I do every day and seeing if anyone noticed that I didn't do them because, a lot of times no one notices anyway.

“Ohmigod...” (when all of the information for a HIT I was working on somehow got erased, fifty minutes in).

I cannot believe that I wasted my entire morning watching TV when I should have been writing a paper.

I don't think I can get rich off 1-cent HITS.

I am really unhappy with my job. I can't wait until I find something else.

I never expected to get the kind of wonderful support that I am getting at work --I love it.

I need to find a job I enjoy doing. I don't think I can work with children anymore.

I have so much work to do today, I am not sure where to start first.